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## Rain, Frost and Floods Play Havoc With Enemy

**"General November" Hard on the German Troops who Are Encamped in a Bleak Desolate Region, far From Their Base of Supplies**

Tijelt, Belgium, Nov. 23.—There are clear indications that General November will take a leading part in operations along the front by the Yser river.

Ten days of cold, wet weather, have been followed by three days of frost, over the entire territory outlined by the cities of Middelweke, Thielt, Roulers and Ypres. Much of this region is covered with stubble fields, over which there are coatings of ice, making them almost impassable for man or beast.

The German troops are living in the ruins of two score villages and cities. They are becoming impatient at delay, and are suffering from icy winds, penetrating the windowless buildings in which they seek some sort of shelter. They would prefer a general attack to finish the battle, but

any such sudden movement is prevented by inundation along their front. The water-covered territory is now crusted with a thin coating of ice, which supports large colonies of hungry sea gulls. A thousand lives have been lost in this inundated area, without effecting any decisive changes.

**Better Position.**  
On the other side of this inundated country, safely entrenched behind frozen dykes, stand the British, Belgian and French guns. The soldiers there, on account of being in direct communication with France and England, are well cared for, while the Germans are handicapped, being obliged to get supplies from a devastated country, where the population is dependent on American charity.

The automobile supply system of the Germans is working less satisfactorily owing to scarcity of gasoline. The Germans are awaiting with great hopes the arrival of engineers whose duty will be to find some means of crossing the inundated territory, but the methods, which are to be employed if decided upon, are being kept secret.

## Shut The Germans Off From A Possible Base

London, Nov. 24.—The Island of Herm, one of the Channel group, off the coast of Guernsey, less than one square mile in area has been occupied by British troops as a precaution against its possible use by Germany.

The s.s. Tritonia left Botwood this morning for Manchester with 4000 tons of paper and pulp for the A. N. D. Co.

## German Torpedo Boat Victim of Collision

London, Nov. 23.—A despatch from Copenhagen says that the Danish steamer Anglo-Dane collided last night in Ore Sound with a German torpedo boat, which foundered.

Two German sailors, according to the correspondent, were rescued by the steamer, seriously injured. They succumbed to their injuries. The remainder of the crew were drowned.

## Russians Have Turks And Germans On Run; Big Victory In Poland

(Russian Official Bulletin.)

Petrograd, November 24.—An official communication issued by the General Staff of the Russian Army in the Caucasus, under date of November 22nd, says:

"In the direction of Erzerum the advance guard of the Russian Army continues to drive back the enemy after having thrown into disorder the Turkish column, during which Caissons and ammunition trains were captured.

"From Karakilissee to Amassgord Valley some engagements took place with results favorable to us.

"In the Persian province of Azerbaijan, the Turks were defeated in the region of Khamaspass and also in the passes leading from Dilmand in the direction of Kotur.

"In all these engagements the Russian troops captured some Turkish artillery.

### Was Important and Decisive Victory

Paris, November 24.—A correspondent at Petrograd of The Matin says the Russians, after having checked the German offensive on the Plock-Loezyn front gained on that side a brilliant decisive victory.

The enemy who had heavy losses is flying with all speed to the German frontier and an entire German regiment surrendered to the victors.

The Russians are energetically pursuing the enemy. The Russians are also vigorously attacking along the Czenstochowa-Cracow line.

This day seems to mark one of the most important and perhaps decisive phases of the war.

## BELGIAN TOWNS UNDER HOT FIRE

Ypres Badly Damaged by Heavy Bombardment—Very Hot Fighting at Soissons and Rheims

(French Official Bulletin)  
Paris, Nov. 24.—Yesterday was marked by violent artillery fire. The enemy directed his attention particularly to the town of Ypres where the belfry of the Cathedral, markets, and a number of houses were set on fire. At Soissons and Rheims, and in the Argonne the day was characterized by very hot fighting.

The enemy delivered very spirited attacks which were repulsed. In the Woivre and in the Vosges the situation is without change.

**Violent Attacks—No Results**  
Paris, Nov. 23.—To-day, as yesterday, there was cannonading in the North.

In the direction of Soissons and Rheims, and in Argonne there were violent attacks by both sides, which, however, were without results.

## Swiss Government Calls An Italian Report An Insult

Berene, Switzerland, Nov. 19.—Repeated statements, appearing in the Italian press, that Switzerland had entered into a secret convention with Austria and Germany, binding herself to support with her army an invasion of northern Italy and to permit an Austro-German force to pass through Switzerland in the event of Italy abandoning her neutrality in favor of the Triple Entente, has brought forth a strong protest from the Swiss Government.

## 40,000 Men In One Grave

Amsterdam, via London, Nov. 19.—The Neiuw Rotterdam Schef Courant quotes a letter from a Galacian priest stating that 40,000 Austrians have been buried in one day in a grave six and one half feet wide and little more than four miles long. The bodies, the letter says, were laid next to each other in three layers. These men were killed, it is stated, in a battle lasting only a few hours.

The Portia, arrived at St. Jacques at 10 p.m. and left early this morning.

## British Commons Discusses Possibility Of An Invasion

And Under-Secretary For War Tells the Members Such a Contingency Has been Fully Considered and Measures Taken to Guard Against It

London, Nov. 24.—Plans for dealing with a possible German invasion were spoken of in the House of Commons to-night by Under-Secretary for War, H. J. Tennant.

W. C. Bridgeman, member for Shropshire asked whether the wearing brassards would insure that persons taking part in the defence of the country would be regarded as civilians and also asked if the Government was aware that many active men over the recruiting age desired to fight, in the event of an invasion and are prepared to furnish their own arms and equipment and if the War Office will design a uniform for such force.

Under-Secretary, H. J. Tennant replied that the first duty of the Navy was to prevent a raid.

"In the event of its taking place," he said, "it is our duty to drive the Germans into the sea as fast as we can, and I hope we shall be enabled to do so."

In regard to the action of the civil population, if such an invasion takes place, he pointed out that emergency committees had been formed in the various counties where there was any danger of an invasion and instructions were being issued to those committees and he thought it was not desirable to state at this time what these instructions were.

## German Wireless Station Bested By Eiffel Tower in Controversy

Paris, Nov. 15.—The German wireless tower at Nauen, between Berlin and Hamburg, which is two hundred meters (about six hundred and fifty feet) high, sent four lines of German poetry to the Eiffel Tower, and asked the French operators where the Germans had been beaten, adding that the news sent out by the Eiffel Tower was scanty and untrustworthy.

The Eiffel replied with fourteen rhymed lines, also in German, asking why the Germans had not kept their promise to dine in Paris on Sedan Day. They also chaffed the operators at Nauen on the Germans' fine telegraphic victories. The Nauen station did not reply.

The Stephano sailed this afternoon taking one additional passenger in saloon, Lady Outerbridge, and five steerage.

## GERMANS WANT ANTWERP TO PAY FINE OF \$10,000,000

But the Deputy Burgomaster Refuses to Raise Levy Unless Germans Cease Requisitioning Supplies From City

Amsterdam, Nov. 24.—The Handelsblad learns that the Germans are still insisting that Antwerp pay a war levy of \$10,000,000 and the Deputy Burgomaster, Franck, has refused until he is assured that the Germans will make no more requisitions for supplies.

The situation has reached a deadlock and it is feared that Franck may suffer the same fate as Burgomaster Max, of Brussels, who, because of the non-payment of the Brussels indemnity, was taken prisoner to Germany.

## I.O.O.F. Will Open Subscription List

At the regular meeting of the Atlantic Lodge, No. 1, I.O.O.F., it was decided to open up a subscription list on behalf of the distressed Belgian people.

Members of the Order will be called upon in a few days for their contributions.

The Lelia has cleared from Burgeo for Halifax with 211 qts. codfish, 23 cases codfish and 19 bbls. salmon.

## TURKS REACH SUEZ CANAL

Constantinople Reports That Fighting Has Taken Place Almost on the Banks of the Waterway

Constantinople, Nov. 23.—Turkish troops have reached the Suez Canal, according to an official communication made public here on Sunday. The statement read as follows: "Turkish troops have reached the Suez Canal. Fighting has occurred between Korlasa and Testche about 30 kilometres east of the Suez Canal.

English officers and many soldiers were wounded and taken prisoners."

## British Aviation Fleet Damage Friedrichshafen

Daring Airship Guns, They Flew Over German Aviation Base, Did Much Damage and Returned Safely

London, Nov. 23.—It is announced officially that British aviators, who on Saturday afternoon, raided Friedrichshafen on Lake Constance, report that all the bombs thrown by them reached their objective, and that serious damage was done to the sea-plane and airship factory.

Details of the raid on the Zeppelin factory, which the British officers assert inflicted serious damage, were given in the House of Commons to-day by Winston Churchill, under direction of Squadron Commander Briggs of the Naval Air Service, with Flight Commander Babington, and Lieut. Sippe, they flew from the French territory to the Zeppelin airship factory.

Briggs is reported to have been shot down, and has been taken, wounded, to hospital, as a prisoner. The other officers returned safely to French territory.

## British Destroyer Rams And Sinks German Ship

The Garry Sent the Big "U-18" to the Bottom in Short Order of the Coast of Britain Yesterday

London, Nov. 24.—The German submarine U 18 was rammed and sunk by British patrolling vessel off the north coast of Scotland, yesterday.

According to the British Admiralty statement the U 18 was comparatively new, built in 1912. She had been cruising in a radius of 2,000 miles.

London, Nov. 24.—The British submarine patrol ship rammed the German submarine U 18 at 12.30 p.m., and the latter was not seen again until 1.20, when she appeared on the surface, flying a white flag. Shortly after this she foundered, just as the British destroyer, Garry, came alongside. The destroyer rescued three officers and twenty-three men of the submarine's crew, only one being drowned.

**\$2,499,000 Worth Of Horses Shipped To Allies From U.S.**

East St. Louis, Ill., Nov. 20.—Horses and mules valued at \$2,499,000 have been shipped from the National Stock Yards here to the French and British Governments since the war began, according to a statement given out at the yard.

Contracts have been let for eight thousand or thirteen thousand additional animals to be shipped from East St. Louis, Oklahoma City, Little Rock, Memphis, and Fort Worth.

## Germans Prepare Two Defence Lines

Geneva, via Paris, Nov. 20.—The German army Staff has prepared three formidable defensive lines from the North Sea to the Rhine to be used in the event of a retreat, according to a high Swiss army officer, who recently returned from Germany.

The first line of defences extends from Antwerp southward to Namur and Sedan, he says. The second is on the frontier between Maastricht, Luxembourg and Metz. The third is on the right itself, extending from Basel to Cologne, and even further.

## USE STEEL PROPS IN BRITISH MINES

British Commissioners Likely to Recommend This U. S. A. Practice

London, Nov. 22.—Apropos of the recent enquiry into the ability of Canada to supply timber props for mines, in which matter no decision has yet been reached by the commissioners who visited Canada and Newfoundland, it is learned that owing to the continued scarcity, the mine owners are considering the advisability of replacing the timber with steel props.

The first cost of steel props would be greater, but they would last considerably longer. The Board of Trade has ascertained that steel props are already largely used in the United States, where their cost and their efficiency have both proved satisfactory.

The s.s. Morwenna left Charlottetown at 9.30 p.m. yesterday.

The Florizel left New York Saturday at noon.

considered useless to renew the attack and the force re-embarked and returned to its base to prepare for future operations.

From recent reports just received the total casualties from this unsuccessful operation was 795, including 141 British officers and men. The wounded are mostly doing well, many of whom are convalescent.

## WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Strong N. W. to west winds; fair and colder today and on Wednesday.

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